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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 14, 1999

APPLICATION OF

WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS OF VIRGINIA, INC.      CASE NO.    PUC990155

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity  
to provide local exchange  
telecommunications services

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On September 13, 1999, Williams Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("Williams" or "Applicant"), filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Williams is the new corporate name of the carrier formerly known as Vyvx of Virginia, Inc. ("Vyx"). Vyx' corporate name change to Williams was approved by Commission action of June 16, 1999. Vyx is currently certified to provide facilities-based interexchange services in Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Certificate TT-42A was granted January 14, 1998, in Case No. PUC970047. Williams should forthwith apply for re-issuance of Certificate TT-42A in its name and submit tariffs reflecting its name change to the Division of Communications.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the filing, the Commission is of the opinion that Williams' application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff Report; and that a public hearing should be convened to receive evidence relevant to Williams' application.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990155.

(2) A public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant to Williams' application is scheduled for December 15, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

(3) On or before October 25, 1999, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice, which shall be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising, in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION  
BY WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS OF VIRGINIA,  
INC., (formerly known as Vyvx of Virginia,  
Inc.) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL  
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES  
THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

On September 13, 1999, Williams Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("Williams" or "Applicant") (formerly known as Vyvx of Virginia, Inc.) filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A public hearing on Williams' application will be convened on December 15, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to hear evidence relevant to its application for a certificate to provide local exchange services.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be obtained, at no charge, from Williams' counsel, Patrick D. Crocker, Esquire, Early, Lennon, Peters & Crocker, P.C., 900 Commerica Building, Kalamazoo, Missouri 49007-4752.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on Williams' application may do so by directing such comments, on or before November 29, 1999, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed below. Written comments must refer to Case No. PUC990155.

Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning Williams' application need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and

identify himself or herself as a public witness to the Commission's Bailiff.

Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant, pursuant to Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing from the Clerk of the Commission for full details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation.

Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

All written communications to the Commission concerning Williams' application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and should refer to Case No. PUC990155.

WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

(4) On or before October 25, 1999, Applicant shall give notice of its application to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. A current list of those carriers and their addresses is attached as Appendix A.

(5) On or before October 25, 1999, the Applicant shall prefile with the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies

of any additional direct testimony it intends to present at the public hearing. Copies shall also be served on any person who files a Notice of Protest.

(6) Any person desiring to comment in writing on Williams' application may do so by directing such comments, on or before November 29, 1999, to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC990155. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning the application need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Bailiff as a public witness.

(7) On or before November 12, 1999, any person desiring to participate as a Protestant as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules") shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of both a Notice of Protest, and Protest as provided in Rule 5:16(a) and shall serve a copy of the same on Williams' counsel, Patrick D. Crocker, Esquire, Early, Lennon, Peters & Crocker, P.C., 900 Commerica Building, Kalamazoo, Missouri 49007-4752. The Protest shall set forth (i) a precise statement of the interest of the Protestant in the proceeding; (ii) a full and clear statement of the facts which the Protestant is prepared to prove by competent evidence; and (iii) a statement of the specific relief sought and the

legal basis therefor. Any corporate entity that wishes to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate as a Protestant must be represented by legal counsel in accordance with the requirement of Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules.

(8) On or before November 22, 1999, each Protestant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of the prepared testimony and exhibits the Protestant intends to present at the hearing, and shall on the same day mail a copy of the same to counsel for Williams and other Protestants.

(9) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of Williams' application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before December 2, 1999.

(10) On or before December 2, 1999, if necessary, the Commission Staff may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any prepared testimony and exhibits it intends to present at the public hearing. A copy of the Staff direct testimony shall be mailed to the counsel for the Applicant and to each Protestant.

(11) On or before December 9, 1999, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal to any direct prefiled testimony of Staff and Protestants. A

copy of the rebuttal testimony shall be mailed to Staff and each Protestant by overnight delivery.

(12) At the commencement of the hearing scheduled herein, Williams shall provide to the Commission proof of the notice and service required by ordering paragraphs (3) and (4) herein.

(13) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Protestants shall provide to the Applicant, other Protestants and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their prefiled testimony, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Rules.